-- THAT ONE DIDN'T WORK.
JACOB, IT WAS ALL HIS --
SAVE IT. I CAN'T TRUST YOU. YOU LIE TOO WELL.

ONE, NO MATTER HOW SCARY I SEEM, I REALLY AM TRYING TO HELP EVERYONE. EVERYONE.
I JUST NEED YOU TO KNOW TWO THINGS.
AND TWO, IF I EVER SEE YOU TOUCH ANOTHER GUN I'M GOING TO BREAK BOTH YOUR ARMS.
ARE WE CLEAR?

YEAH.
NOT A PROBLEM.

GOOD. NOW...
...DID YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT A STEALTH COPTER?

I THOUGHT WE HAD A RULE THAT WE DON'T LET JACOB DRIVE?
HE'S NOT DRIVING, HE'S FLYING.
FOR GOD'S SAKE, WHY ARE WE LETTING JACOB FLY?!
THE LAST TIME WE LET JACOB DRIVE, HE PLOWED THROUGH A FARMER'S MARKET!
THERE ARE NO MARKETS UP IN THE AIR, ROGER.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM HITTING ONE ON THE GROUND!
RELAX, I GOT THIS.
WE HAD A SMARTASS PILOT IN THE PROJECT...
...ALWAYS KIDDING US ABOUT HOW WE NEEDED HIM.
SO I TOOK SOME FLIGHT TRAINING.
HE WAS ALWAYS POLITE TO ME AFTER THAT.

I FINALLY GET TO FLY IN A HELICOPTER.
AND I GET TO SEE LONDON!
SOMEONE SHOULD. IT'S ABOUT TO BLOW UP.
WHY ARE YOU SO GLOOMY?

BECAUSE I'M HOSTING KENTARO'S HACKING PROGRAMS...
...AND I CAN SEE WHAT THEY'RE HOLDING BACK.
THERE'S LIKE, A DOZEN APOCALYPSES IN THE PROJECT, READY TO GO.

CHECK THE MILLIWAVE ARTILLERY IN THE BASEMENT.
POINTED INTO THE COMPLEX AND BURNT OUT.
THE DRONE SELF-FABRICATION PLANT IN THE EAST WING?
WE'VE GOT IT CONSTRUCTING HARMLESS BUNNY TOYS.
THE LAB BOYS HAD MOSQUITOS THAT SECRETED NEUROTOXIN.
MELTED BY THE MILLIWAVE ARTILLERY.

WHY DO YOU NEED SO MANY WAYS TO KILL PEOPLE?
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS...
...SINCE YOU GREW UP WITH SANTA AND HIS ELVES...
...BUT KILLING PEOPLE IS WHAT PEOPLE DO.

LOOK BELOW.
GATED COMMUNITIES. HIGH SOCIETY AND SLUMS.
FENCES AND BORDERS.
HUMAN BEINGS ARE TRIBAL...
...AND TRIBES ARE ALWAYS TEMPTED TO ELIMINATE THEIR RIVALS.
WHENEVER HUMAN BEINGS WALL THEMSELVES OFF FROM ONE ANOTHER, THAT'S THE START OF GENOCIDE.

IF WE DON'T FINISH IT WITH VIOLENCE, WE'LL KILL THEM WITH SIMPLE ECONOMIC NEGLECT.
THE LAST CENTURY GAVE GENOCIDE A BAD NAME.
WE FORGOT THAT EXTREME MEASURES CAN AND SHOULD BE TAKEN ONLY TO SAVE LIVES.

BUT GENOCIDE IS A TOOL THAT ISN'T GOING AWAY.
AS LONG AS THERE ARE HUMAN BEINGS, WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE GENOCIDE.

ALL THE PROJECT DID WAS TURN GENOCIDE FROM A DIRTY LITTLE SECRET INTO OFFICIAL POLICY.
AND THEY LET YOU GET CREATIVE WITH IT.
THAT WAS LOLA. I THINK SHE GOT BORED.
PROBABLY HAVING AN EXCITING TIME TODAY, THOUGH.

MSAKA DIDN'T HAVE ARTILLERY.
NOT SURE HOW SHE BREACHED THE BUILDING.
KAMIKAZE DRONES.
KENTARO DOWNED THEM ALL JUST BEFORE HE LOST CONTROL.
WHICH MEANS THAT G.U.S. AIR POWER IS ON ITS WAY.
YEAH, WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE. WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.
HELIPAD LOOKS GOOD.
OKAY. FIRST WE NEED TO FIND A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU TWO.
I'D HAVE LEFT YOU BACK IN FOLKESTONE, ROGER, BUT I NEED YOUR HACKING TOOLS.
GIRI!...
...I FORGOT WHY I BROUGHT YOU ALONG.
YOU DIDN'T. I DECIDED TO COME.
RIGHT.
FRIGGIN' EMPATHS AND CIVILIANS, STAY BEHIND ME.

...INVADING TROOPS, STAND DOWN AND SURRENDER. YOUR UNCONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE IS REQUIRED...
SOUNDS LIKE MSAKA'S FORCES ARE INSIDE THE BUILDING.
NOT SURE IF YOU'LL BE SAFER WITH THEM OR NOT.
MY GUESS IS NOT.
JACOB --
I'M TIED INTO SECURITY. SOMEONE'S COMING.
...OR YOU WILL BE EXTERMINATED. YOUR LEADERS HAVE ALREADY ADMITTED TO TREASON...
...LOWER COMMAND RANKS WITHOUT GENETIC DEVIANCIES MAY BE RELEASED UNHARMED...
OW.
WHY DOES THAT HURT SO MUCH?
KENTARO'S CODE IS OVERCLOCKING MY IMPLANTS.
THE METAL BITS IN MY HEAD ARE OVERHEATING.

CONTINUED RESISTANCE WILL BE -- SCREECH
THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.
QUICK, HIDE!
IT'S A CLOSET!
PLAY SPIN THE BOTTLE OR SOMETHING.
JUST STAY QUIET.
COMMAND, THIS IS RECON IN THE SEVENTH FLOOR WEST CORRIDOR.
SEEMS CLEAR. FALSE ALARM?
YOU BOYS NEED TO CHECK YOUR CORNERS.

WHUMP
CRASH
WHOOPS.
THOUGHT THAT WINDOW WAS SHATTERPROOF.
GKK
GUESS WE ONLY ARMORED THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS.
DARN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

DON'T MAKE ME USE THIS.
WHERE'S LOLA?
OKAY! EASY!
THE DIRECTOR IS PATROLLING.
SHE'S TAKEN OUT MOST OF THE INVADERS BY HERSELF.

NO DOUBT.
TELL HER I'M HERE AND I JUST WANT TO TALK.
I'LL MEET HER IN THE SECURITY CENTER.

THEN WARN EVERYONE ELSE TO STAY OUT OF MY WAY...

IN FACT, GET ALL THE PROJECT STAFF YOU CAN FIND OUT OF THE BUILDING, THEN

TRAITOR!

CHANGE OF PLANS
GET THAT MAN TO A MEDIC, THEN DO ALL THOSE OTHER THINGS I TOLD YOU
GRR
YESSIR

OKAY KIDS, IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT
FINALLY IT'S CRAMPED IN HERE

IF ROGER DIDN'T HAVE A HEADACHE, I'D THINK YOU WERE PROTESTING TOO MUCH
LET'S GET TO THE SECURITY CENTER
LOLA WILL BE MORE INCLINED TO TALK IF SHE CAN SEE EVERYTHING

PLUS, THERE SHOULD BE LOTS OF DEAD BODIES ON THE MONITORS
MIGHT MAKE HER FEEL GUILTY
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
NO, NOT REALLY
SHE MIGHT FIND ALL THE CORPSES SOOTHING, THOUGH

UH YES IT'S CLEAR
THE FIGHTING IS AROUND THE COURTYARD
OKAY GO
YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO LOOK AT THE —

— MONITORS
HUH THEY'RE OFF
LOLA WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED THEM OFF.
SO MSAKA MUST HAVE TAKEN THIS AREA

ACTUALLY, JUST THIS ROOM
IT'S WHERE WE'RE HOLDING THE AMBUSH

YOU WANT TO AMBUSH LOLA LAMB?
ARE YOU INSANE?
SHE HAS TO BE STOPPED SHE'S CUTTING A SWATH THROUGH MY TROOPS
BUT SHE ALWAYS CIRCLES THROUGH HERE

YOU CAN'T FIGHT LOLA. WE NEED TO BARGAIN WITH HER
EVEN IF YOU KILL HER, SHE'LL HAVE A RETRIBUTION VIRUS LOADED
YOU'LL END UP KILLING ALL YOUR HUMAN TROOPS AND HALF THE BRITISH ISLES

WE HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT DENNIS?
I'M GONNA PUT HER GENOCIDE CASE IN THIS

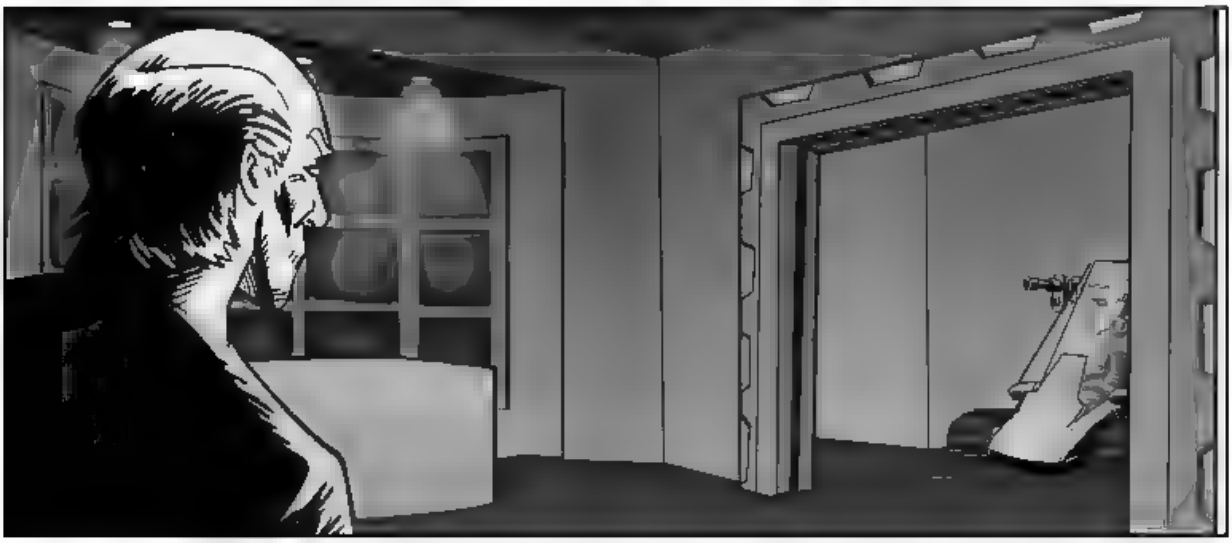
THE FATE OF MILLIONS OF INNOCENTS DEPENDS ON THE INTEGRITY OF A PLASTIC TRASH BAG
WE'RE WORKING WITH WHAT WE HAVE

YOU CAN'T BARGAIN WITH A GENOCIDAL MANIAC!
YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THAT NOW
JACOB -- SHE'S COMING!

OKAY, EVERYONE HIDE IN HERE!
IT'S ANOTHER CLOSET!
IT'S EQUIPMENT STORAGE, THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM.

JACOB, IF YOU HAVE TO FIGHT HER
CAN YOU?
I KNOW THAT YOU AND SHE --
REALLY PISSING ME OFF WITH THE EMPATHY, GIRL.
SORRY BUT ARE YOU OKAY?
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING
ROGER, DO YOU HAVE A CAMERA ON ME?
UH, YEAH ALWAYS
THEN RECORD THIS.

THE FIGHT IS NOT AGAINST OLD FRIENDS
IT'S NEVER AGAINST SOME TYRANT
IT'S NEVER AGAINST ANY RAMPAGING HORDES, OR AN UNCARING UNIVERSE, OR EVEN THE WHIMS OF FATE
THE FIGHT IS ALWAYS, ALWAYS, AGAINST YOURSELF
THAT'S WHY I WIN
I'VE FOUGHT ALL THOSE BATTLES BEFORE
-SIGH-
WELL, ALMOST ALL OF THEM



LOLA
WE NEED TO TALK
BY NOW YOU MUST REALIZE THAT THE WORLD SITUATION HAS CHANGED
THESE PEOPLE WANT TO BE PART OF SOCIETY
AND MANY COUNTRIES ARE WILLING TO SPONSOR THEM
LET'S ALL STAND DOWN, AND WE'LL NEGOTIATE A PEACE
PLEASE?
LEGS

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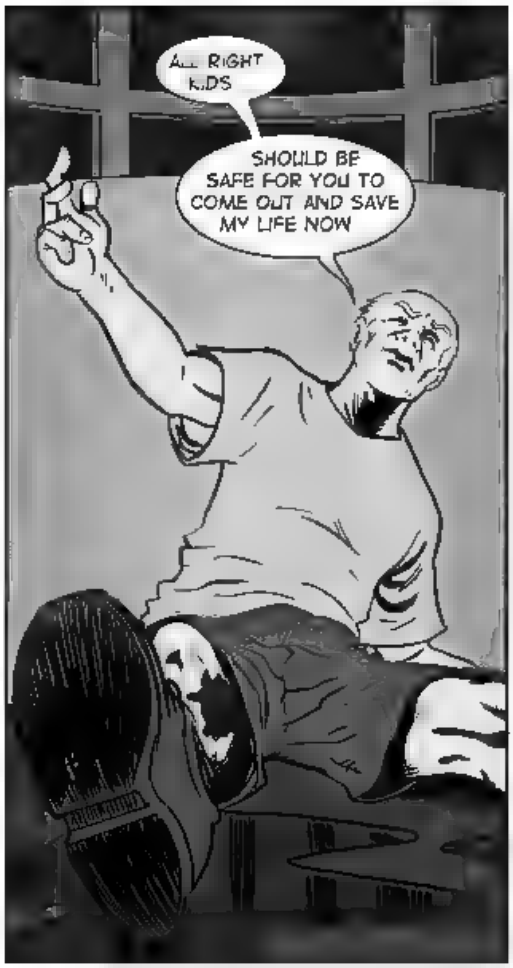

ALL RIGHT KIDS
SHOULD BE SAFE FOR YOU TO COME OUT AND SAVE MY LIFE NOW

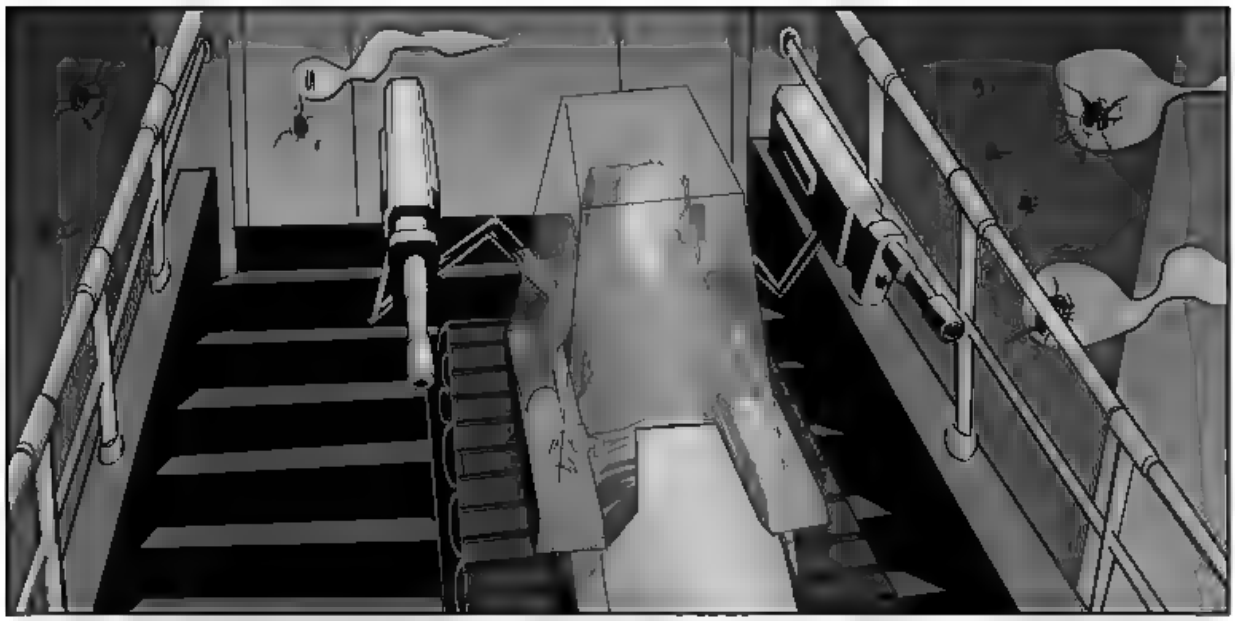
JACOB, ARE YOU OKAY?
NO, I'M NOT OKAY
LOOK AT ALL THE BLOOD
SILLY GIRL.

DENNIS, GIVE HER YOUR MEDKIT
WHY AREN'T YOU IN PAIN?
COMBAT CHEMS. KICKED IN HARD
DON'T FEEL A THING
...EXCEPT BLOOD LOSS MAKING ME LOOPY

HEH LOLA.
SHE IS NOT PLAYING AROUND
SHE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE A RETRIBUTION VIRUS LOADED
SHE'S PREPARED TO RAZE THE WORLD TO STOP YOU
FRIENDS INNOCENTS
SCREW 'EM.
AT THIS POINT, THEY'RE JUST IN HER WAY

WHAT CAN WE DO?
SURRENDER
IF WE SURRENDER, SHE'LL EXECUTE US ALL
YEAH
MEAN, NOT ME
...BUT PROBABLY ALL OF YOU

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT'LL BE CLEANER THAN DYING TO A PLAGUE ..
..AND YOU WON'T TAKE MILLIONS OF INNOCENTS WITH YOU
BOTH SCENARIOS ARE UNACCEPTABLE
OH, NO NO, NO .
MSAKA, YOUR TROOPS ARE IN THE ATRIUM?
THAT'S OUR SECONDARY AMBUSH POINT
LOLA IS HEADING TOWARD THEM
MSAKA, TELL THEM TO SURRENDER
NO, JACOB WE CAN BEAT HER I KNOW IT



NOW!
FOCUS YOUR FIRE, CRACK THAT SHIELD!

KA-THOOM!
TARGET ALL MOTION
FREE FIRE

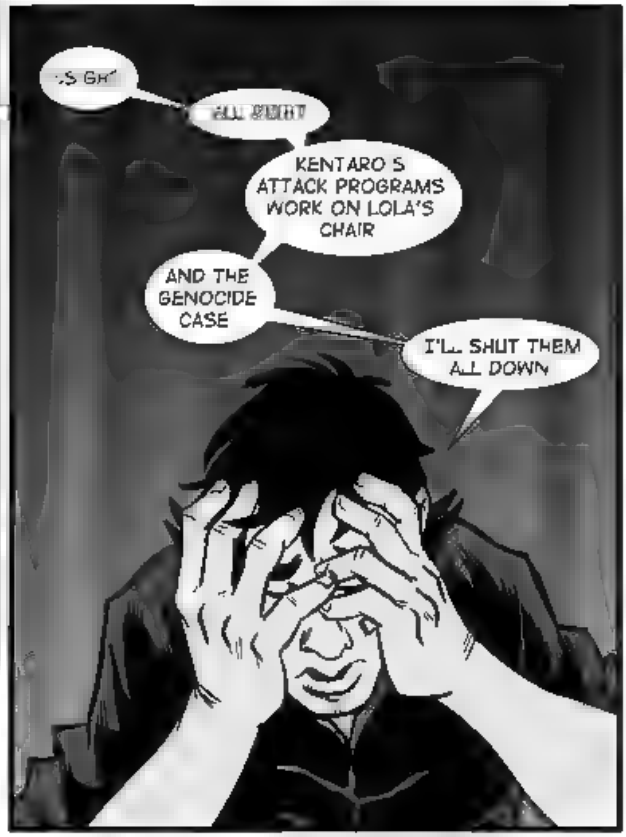
THE DISTRACTION TEAM HAS ENGAGED
THE DEVIANT TROOPS SHOULD BE FLANKING HER SOON
IT WON'T MATTER
OH GOD
QUIET, YOU
UNLESS YOU CAN HELP?
I DON'T
I'M A JOURNALIST I CAN'T BE A PART OF THIS!

LEAVE THE BOY ALONE
HE'S THE ONLY CIVILIAN HERE HE'S ALLOWED TO FREAK OUT
HE THINKS HE CAN --
SHUSH LET HIM SPIT IT OUT

I JUST
I...I'M NOT A PART OF THIS
I'M NOT THE ONE WHO

JACOB?
I DON'T WANT TO DECIDE WHO LIVES AND WHO DIES!

SORRY, KID
SOONER OR LATER
EVERY GENERATION MAKES THAT DECISION


ALL RIGHT
KENTARO'S ATTACK PROGRAMS WORK ON LOLA'S CHAIR
AND THE GENOCIDE CASE
I'LL SHUT THEM ALL DOWN

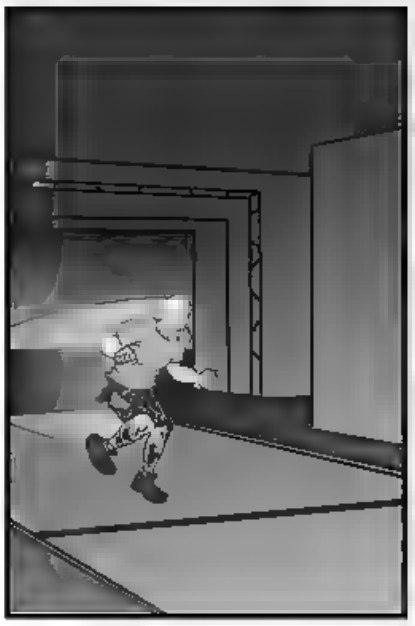
BUT MSAKA
THIS WON'T SAVE YOUR TROOPS
THEY VOLUNTEERED, TO CHANGE THE WORLD
DIDN'T

WELCOME TO THE WAR
ALL TROOPS ---
RUSH LOLA LAMB IN THE ATRIUM!
NOW
WAIT
NOW'S THE TIME TO TALK TO HER!

WHRRRRRRRRRRR
EH?
GOD-DAMNED UNRELIABLE TECH!

I HAVE TO GET DOWN THERE
JACOB, YOU CAN'T
IT'S OVER

OUT OF MY WAY!



JACOB...
THAT'S "MR. DIRECTOR", I THINK.
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TO HAND MY RESIGNATION TO.

WHAT A WASTE.
ALL THESE YOUNG PEOPLE...
...AND A TALENTED POLITICIAN.
SOMEHOW, THOSE TWO GROUPS ALWAYS END UP KILLING EACH OTHER.

WE HAVE ANOTHER PROBLEM.
LET ME GUESS.
A THOUSAND WARPLANES FROM EVERY COUNTRY ON EARTH ARE ABOUT TO BOMB US.
NO, ROGER SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE.

IF THAT'S WHO I THINK IT IS...
...THEN WE'RE ALL PROBABLY DEAD ANYWAY.
HELP ME LOOK LIKE I'M ABLE TO STAND, WILL YOU?
JUDGING BY THE PRESENT COMPANY...
...I ASSUME THAT LOLA LAMB IS INDISPOSED.
SO...
...WHO COMMANDS THE GENOCIDE PROJECT?

I AM IN COMMAND HERE.
WRONG, MSAKA.
SHE IS.
JACOB IS CORRECT, SENATOR.
IT'S EITHER HE OR I, AND IF HE REFUSES THEN I ACCEPT.

I REFUSE.
HOLY HELL, DO I REFUSE.
GRRR...

THE BERKSHIRE CHARTER IS BROKEN...
...AND THE ARMIES OF THE WORLD ARE FRIGHTENED.
OF YOU.
THAT'S HOW MY PILOT WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM TO LET US LAND FIRST.

TAKE IT EASY, GUVNORS.
I JUST WORK HERE.

SO WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO...
...'DIRECTOR'?
I INTEND...
...TO SERVE HUMANITY.
I HAVE WITNESSED TRUE INHUMAN MONSTERS. I SPENT WEEKS FIGHTING THEM WHERE I COULD.
SO I AM INCLINED TO DEFINE 'HUMAN' VERY BROADLY.
IF WE CAN BE FRIENDS, SENATOR...
...THEN I WOULD PREFER US TO BE FRIENDS.